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Applicant: : Thomson  
Filed: : May 10, 2002  
Examiner: : Bergin, James S.

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For: PRIMER CASING AND  
METHOD OF CHARGING A  
BLASTHOLE

Docket No. : 146-01  
Customer No. : 23713

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.